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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

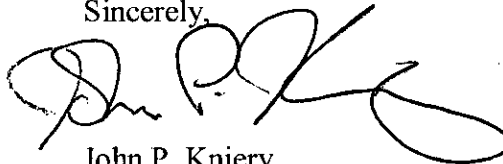
Re: Project No. 17-029

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed support letter from the Honorable Richard J. Durbin, U.S. Senator for the State of Illinois for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John P. Kniery
Health Care Consultant

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RICHARD J. DURBIN

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ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC LEADER

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1304

October 5, 2018

Kathryn J. Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Chair Olson,

I am writing in support of DuPage Medical Group's efforts to open Melrose Village Dialysis in Melrose Park, Illinois. Melrose Village is a low-income community with a large Hispanic population (73.5% Hispanic, 20% of residents live below FPL). Updated HSA projections that utilize more recent population projections and based on the 2017 Use Rate indicate that an additional 68 stations will be needed in HAS by 2020. High utilization, particularly within five miles of the proposed location (currently 78.04% and projected to be at 88.42% capacity by 3/31/21).

The Station to population ration in this area is extremely low compared to the state average (1: 5,710 vs. 1: 2,694). The lagging infrastructure in the area and the underscores illustrates the importance of DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to proactively address this community need with the Melrose Village Dialysis clinic, so these life-saving services can continue to grow with area needs.

I support DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's commitment to providing high quality dialysis care to residents of Melrose Park. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this clinic and enable these providers to serve this growing number of dialysis patients in Illinois. Please do not hesitate to contact my Springfield office at (217) 492-4062, should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
U.S. Senator

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